

North Crushes South Title Hopes

Saxons Surprise Spartans For Second Straight Time

Knocking off highly rated Bay League baseball foe South High for the second time in a row, North sent its title hopes sky-rocketing with a 7-3 victory Thursday.

Taking advantage of a second inning breakdown of the Spartan defense, North pushed across five unearned runs on four errors to ice the contest. It was much the same story as their first meeting when South errors led to a 5-2 victory for the Saxons.

WHILE NORTH rose to a tie for second place in the league with a 3-1 record by virtue of the win, the highly touted South nine came into the cellar with an 0-3 slate.

Carey Hubert, receiving his first starting assignment of the season, and Jay Baker combined on the hill to limit South to four hits and give NHS its second straight win.

ONLY A LOSS to Redondo mars North's loop mark.

Freshman third sacker John Marsden swung a heavy bat for the winners, delivering several key blows.

MARSDEN uncorked a two-run homer in the big second

inning explosion with a hard-tagged linedrive down the right-field line. South outfielder Harvey Siegel never had a chance as Marsden was rounding third and trotting home before Seigal could even get to the ball.

Hubert was tagged for a two-run homer by Spartan third baseman Richard Rosato in the third round, but even then was

in no jeopardy of losing his lead.

IN THE FIFTH frame, North mentor Bob Shoup took Hubert off the mound and set him on second base and southpaw Jay Baker blanked the Spartans in the final two frames.

Dan Ely was the losing pitcher, going the distance for South. Ely was worked over for seven runs on seven hits, but five of the runs were unearned.

SUFFERING his first loss of the year, Ely fanned seven men and allowed but four walks.

Mira Costa will offer the opposition for North next week with the Mustangs hosting the first encounter on Tuesday, and the action returning to the Saxon diamond on Thursday.

SOUTH MUST now practically duplicate its last season rally when it won eight of its last nine games if the Spartans hope to gain a CIF berth.

The Spartans will try to get on the winning side of the ledger at Santa Monica Tuesday while the Vikings will invade the South field on Thursday.



BOB SHOUP
Saxon Boss

Los Angeles Blades Bid For Final Playoff Berth

This is the make or break week for the Los Angeles Blades.

Coach George Agar's skaters play three games this week in an all-out effort to gain third and last playoff spot available in the Western Hockey League's Southern division. The Blades battle Portland's Buckaroos at the Sports Arena Tuesday and Friday and travel to San Francisco Wednesday for a game against the Seals.

THE SPORTS Arena games begin at 8 p.m.

The Blades finish their regularly-scheduled season with

Friday's Portland encounter, but they may be forced to wait until the results of the Port-

land-San Francisco games Saturday and Sunday are available before knowing whether or not they're in the playoffs.

NEAR UPSET

Viking Thinclads Capture Thin Victory Over South

Upstart South High almost pulled the rug out from under Santa Monica Friday in a Bay League track struggle.

Supposedly one of the most powerful spike squads in the league, and winner of the recent Mira Costa Relays, the Vikings had their hands full in dealing the Spartans a 56½-47½ defeat.

Chuck Hanson, a double winner, started the Spartans off right, capturing the 120 high hurdles in a rapid 15.3 in the centry, Jeff Fleener came

through with a second place for South.

THE SAME story was true in the half time, where Bill Gibson bolted into the place position. Lance Bennett kept the Spartans in the running in the 440 by coming through with a second place.

In the 180 low hurdles, Hanson met his downfall, slipping to second place behind Sam-

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Bakersfield Nips Camino In Loop Spike Encounter

Former Torrance High track great Mike Thornton set a new Metropolitan Conference mile record Friday as El Camino College went down to a narrow 66-60 defeat at the hands of Bakersfield in the first loop battle of the season for the Warriors.

Thornton turned in a 4:16.2 clocking to erase the old standard of 4:18.2 held by Valley's Steve Mathews. Thornton also took top honors in the 880, hitting the tape in an impressive time of 1:56.1.

As always, the distance races proved to be ECC's strong point. Rich Fernandez came out on top in the two-mile run with a time of 9:31.6, also a Metro Conference record.

IN THE LOW hurdles, El Camino once again came out first. Dennis Jett raced to victory in 24.6 against the 'Gades. A combo of Mike Redfield, Ron Secerance, Thornton and Rich Dillon turned in a 3:24.1 clocking for the mile relay to pile up another victory for El Camino.

Bob Booker earned another first place for the Warriors in the broad jump, leaping 20-4. Finishing out the first place scoring for the Tribe, Bruce Bleuchel tied with Mike Fluchel from Bakersfield at 13-0 in the pole vault.

IN THE END result, it was El Camino's lack of depth that cost it the victory. Bakersfield could not keep pace with the Tribe as far as first places, but managed to grab a majority of the second and third place slots to pull out the win.

Next in line for the Warriors will be Harbor on the ECC oval Friday at 2:30 p.m.



MIKE THORNTON
Tribe Miller

Cards Host Tartar Nine

Opening the Pioneer League baseball schedule, Torrance visits Lawndale Tuesday for a 3 p.m. encounter.

Boasting a 2-0-2 practice mark, the Tartars apparently boast the guns to make a run for the loop championship. The Tartars have dealt defeats to Mira Costa and Bishop Montgomery while deadlocking with South and Centennial.

Bob Clark lashed a seventh inning single which pushed across a pair of runs and gave the Tartars a 2-0 win over Bishop Montgomery in their last start.

Mike Blankenship notched the win for Torrance, twirling the entire contest. Blankenship whiffed five men and issued only two free passes. He gave up three hits.

Torrance bashed six hits off two Knight chuckers and six Tartars went down swinging.

Don Coil will probably be Torrance coach Irv Kasten's pick to start on the mound.



LOOKING IT OVER... El Camino horsehider Bob Brown checks pitch in recent contest. The Warriors open the Metropolitan Conference season Tuesday against East Los Angeles.

The Fearless Spectator

By

Charles McCabe, Esquire



The Pottawatomie Giant was six and one-half feet high (about the size of a small basketball player nowadays), weighed 235 pounds in his prime, and had a most pacific nature. Jess Willard became heavyweight champ because of four things: his size; his understandable affection for the buck; the hunger of boxing fans for a "white hope" to dethrone the arrogant black champ Jack Johnson, and, most important of all, iron in his blood.

Jess won the heavyweight title from "L'il Arthur" in Havana on April 5, 1915. At the end of the 24th round, Johnson called for the promoter and asked that his wife be safely escorted from the stadium. In the 26th, Johnson was on the mat, presumably unconscious. But with one huge hand carefully shading his eyes from the ferocity of the 101 degree Cuban sun, which may have exceeded Willard's.

Johnson said later he threw the fight, and would have done so earlier if his lady had lammed faster with the bribe money. There is little reason to doubt Johnson.

Willard's only real defense of his title was a 10-round no-decision fight with Frank Moran, in which he won a newspaper verdict.

The Giant later revealed that the secret of both victories was a patent medicine. He said "Take Nuxated Iron if you want plenty of 'stay there' Strength and Endurance and Health and muscles like mine."

"Without it, I should never have been able to beat Jack Johnson as easily as I did, and before my fight with Frank Moran I regularly took Nuxated Iron."

Jess remained champ until July 4, 1919, when in Toledo Jack Dempsey, at 187 pounds, very nearly knocked him out in the first round. Dempsey's manager had wagered \$10,000 against \$100,000 that his tiger would kyo Willard in the first. Dempsey decked the Giant seven times in that round. Willard was down, gore streaming from his mouth, when the bell rang. Neither Dempsey nor the referee heard the bell. Dempsey walked out of the ring grinning and moved to his dressing room.

He learned the fight was not over. He was out \$10,000 of the \$17,000 purse money. "I was having a wonderful time thinking of all the automobiles and silk shirts I was going to buy," said Jack. "And then I suddenly was back in the ring and realized I had lost the hundred thousand and the ten thousand too. I felt mean."

Dempsey worked on Willard's helpless carcass like a drunken butcher for the next two rounds. Jess couldn't come out for the fourth. Like Primo Carnera, of later days, he never really wanted to fight.

After the Toledo bout, those who worried about the iron content of their blood were further heartened to learn that Dempsey beat Willard because, as the new champ said, "Nuxated Iron put added power behind my punch and helped me to accomplish what I did at Toledo."

The manufacturers added a charming touch. "Although like an untamed tiger in the ring... he said just before the big fight: 'I have telegraphed my Mother that I will win the championship, and I'm not going to disappoint her. I'm going to win that title if for no other reason that because I've promised her I will.'"

Ah, would I could nip down to the corner pharmacy today to pick up a flagon of this dandy elixir, which simultaneously favors motherhood and spilt gore! And which guarantees that its user may become, like Dempsey, "the physical superior of any living man, the Superman of the age."

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Torrance Spikers Clobber League Foe Beverly Hills

Swamping Pioneer League track foe Beverly Hills 67 to 36 on Friday, Torrance romped to its first loop spike win of the season.

Led by the Ascolesi twins, Larry and Jerry, the Tartars captured nine first places to easily subdue the Normans on their own oval.

Larry Ascolesi came out on top in the century with a 10.7 clocking and took top

Tribe Horsehiders Open Metro Season

With a good exhibition season behind them, El Camino College's horsehiders break into a 14-game Metropolitan Conference season opening at East Los Angeles College Tuesday.

Monday, in the closing week of EC's "spring training," the Tribe traveled to USC's Bovard Field and met more than its match.

When the smoke cleared a combined team of SC Trojans and Spartans emerged victorious 10-4.

EL CAMINO had no business losing. The Tribe outhit SC 8-5, the men from Troy outblundered EC 3-2 and Warrior mound corpsmen whiffed 16 while SC hill men struck out 10.

However, statistics and El Camino fell in defeat.

The problem lay primarily in EC's supposedly dream hill corps. While compiling impressive statistics, hurlers Jerry Smith and Ray Wilson were sneaking walks in. Of the 10 SC runs, six started with innocent bases on balls.

EL CAMINO jumped to an early lead in the third inning

on an error on Troy's second sacker Bill Wilford, a safety by pitcher Jerry Smith, a sacrifice bunt by center fielder Joe Moore, and a walk to shortstop Bob Withers. Left fielder Bob Pier followed with a two-base blast off the left field screen to drive in two.

El Camino remained quiet until the ninth frame, when the Tribe tossed in two more runs.

Between the third and ninth, SC stole the limelight to make the game.

SC's Bobby Thompson blasted a solo homer in the fourth to put the Trojan-Spartan combo on the scoreboard.

SC VIRTUALLY won the game in the fifth inning, when Warrior Jerry Smith's arm went haywire as he issued four consecutive walks to make it a new game.

With the basepaths jammed, SC rightfielder Mike Lotz cleared up the base congestion, unloading a 350-foot blast that cleared the Bovard Field's right field fence by 20 feet.

SC threw salt in the EC wound by knocking Smith's successor, Ray Wilson, around for four runs.

JERRY WON the 120 high hurdles in 15.8 and came back to finish second in the low timber chase. The high jump also netted Jerry top honors as he cleared 5-10.

Tony Bareford, skipping his favorite distance — the 880 — in favor of the shorter races, also chalked up a double-winning performance for the Tartars.

BAREFORD, state second place finisher in the state half mile last year, turned in a 23.6 220 and hit the tape in 50.4 for the quarter mile to take the nod in both events.

George Ojard cut loose with a heave of 51-10 in the shot put to knock off another Torrance win. Even with Bareford out of the 880 the Tartars easily held their own, sweeping the event. Dennis Dyer was the first man across for the victors, stopping the watches at 2:00.5.

POLE VAULTER Robin Moffitt also garnered top honors for THS, going over at 9-6.

In the Bee division, Torrance came through with a 64-37 win. The Tartar Cees were also victorious, taking a 49-42 nod.

Next on the docket for Torrance will be Palos Verdes on Friday at the Sea King oval.

Dan Karavas Heads Stats For EC Five

All-Metropolitan Conference guard Dan Karavas wound up as top man for the El Camino College eagers in points per game and assists, statistics released today by Warrior coach George Stanich reveal.

Karavas, named to the all-star squad by the Metro coaches, averaged 14.4 points per game to lead the Tribe and also assisted in 47 goals to top that division with ease.

Following Karavas in assists was center Keith Erickson with 20. Erickson led the squad in rebounds with 235, followed by Ron Dinnel (200) and Mike Schrader (125).

DINNEL WAS top man for the Indians in the field goal shooting percentage department, hitting at 49.6 rate. Erickson was runner-up with 43.6 per cent followed by Gary Nixt, 38.1.

Schrader averaged 75.3 per cent from the free throw line to head the Tribe as Dave Brown hit at a 69.6 clip and Paul Ingleman dropped in 68.2 per cent of his charity tosses.

FOLLOWING Karavas in the points-per-game department were Dinnel (13.1), Erickson (12.2), Ehrader (10.2), Ingleman (7.2), Brown (5.6), Nixt (3.6), Ron Lewis (3.0), Paul Bush (2.5), and Vern Holte (2.4).

Under the tutoring of Coach Stanich, the predominately freshmen EC five broke even for the season, finishing with a 14-14 record. The Indians tied for third in the Metro Conference with San Diego by accumulating an 8-6 mark.

The pretzel business has grown to an estimated 400 million pounds per year.



ROLLING ALONG... North hurdler Gary Peters speeds over hurdle on way to second place finish in timber-topping event against Mira Costa on Friday. Mustangs walked away with an easy 67-37 victory in a Bay League battle. (HERALD Photo by John Roberts)

NHS Spikers Fall Before Mustangs

Powerful Mira Costa ripped North High 67 to 37 Friday on the Saxons' oval to gain an easy Bay League track victory.

Mira Costa just had too much talent and depth for the Saxons to overcome and handed North its second straight league defeat. After whipping Redondo in the opener, NHS lost lop-sided decisions to South and Mira Costa.

In the sprints, Pete Molina grabbed a pair of second places for North, tying for the place spot in the century and taking the runner-up position outright in the 'urlong.

IN THE half mile, Kurt Kelin picked off the second position, following Mira Costa's Dave Wood to the wire in

2:04.0. Harry Phillips earned a second place in the mile as Mike Parson from Michi took top honors with a 4:47.7 clocking.

NORTH HURLER Gary Peter met his match against the Mustangs as Bill Wallace took the win in both timber events. Wallace clocked a 15.3 in the 120 high and 20.4 in the 180 low.

Breaking the win jinx, North took a tie for first place in the high jump as Peters and John Smith tied with the Mustangs' Rick Harnes for top honors at 5-10.

FINALLY winning an event outright, Gary Parks shoved the shot 48-4 to give North a field event victory.